



HEERLEN– Castle Ter Worm has been home to many noble families since the 14th century. Count Vincent van der Heyden-Belderbusch (1690-1771) was such a governor in the 18th century. He renovated the castle and made the garden French Rococo style. The then white castle was the centrepiece of a 1500-ha estate with nine farmhouses. Late in the 19th century, Baron François de Loë (1857-1938) gave the castle the appearance it has today. (Heerlen on pages 18 & 19)

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 1 July	“Sunday Klaverjas Drive”	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Thursday 5 July	“DJVV Club” (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Sunday 15 July	“ Winter Variety Concert”	12.30 pm
	Doors open 11.00 am	
	Cost: Members \$10.00	
	Guests \$12.00	
	(for more details see advertisement on page 11)	
Thursday 19 July	“DJVV Club” (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Friday 27 July	“End of Month Drinks”	5.30pm—9.00 pm
Thursday 2 August	“DJVV Club” (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Sunday 5 August	“Sunday Klaverjas Drive”	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Thursday 16 August	“DJVV Club” (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Sunday 19 August	“Sunday Brunch”	10.00 am
	Members: \$12.00	
	Guests: \$14.00	
	Children (4—10) \$ 6.00	
Thursday 30 August	“DJVV Club” (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Friday 31 August	“End of Month Drinks”	5.30pm—9.00 pm
Sunday 2 September	“Sunday Klaverjas Drive”	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Thursd 13 September	“DJVV Club” (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Sunday 16 September	“Neerlandia AGM”	1.00 pm
	Doors open at Noon	
Friday 28 September	“End of Month Drinks”	5.30pm—9.00 pm

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Private Members Parties:

For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:

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Costs for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	\$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)

Notes from the Acting-President & Ex-President



Two hours ago I returned home from the June Neerlandia Committee Meeting. With a glass of red next to me I wonder why I experience the mixed emotions that I do. The sadness I feel is caused by the knowledge that I will not be working with Pieter Leeftang any longer in his formal capacity, “my President” as I jokingly called him. I have worked with Pieter since 2009 and I got to know him as interesting, warm and involved and a great sense of humour. To know that I am the acting successor of such a popular person is daunting. Daunting it is, but not impossible.

Although not elected yet, I am now (acting) President of Dutch Society Neerlandia – and what a great honour this is for me. And what a move this is for Neerlandia as such. Not only am I Neerlandia’s first female (acting) President but I am also the first (acting) President who came to Australia on a plane rather than by boat. This is such a move for The Dutch Club and I appreciate that some of you may have to get used to the idea. However, the times they are changing and to keep alive the Club that you once started and the Club that you brought to its present fullness, can only be maintained and continue to grow if we grow with it.

At the September 2009 AGM I explained my reasons for joining the Neerlandia Committee. Never in my wildest dreams did I expect that my passion, in combination with your encouragement, would bring me to the position in which I currently am.

In 2009 I shared my vision with you and now, in 2012 I am sitting here with yet another Neerlandia challenge on my hands. With your support and with the support of the Committee, I foresee that in the coming years I can make it work.

Age is often a subject in the conversations I overhear when I am with you in the Club. So when I look at age, there is Marieke, now acting Secretary, almost 30 years my junior. And there are also many of you, the core and founding Neerlandia Members, some of you almost 30 years my senior. Don’t you think that with such a perfect balance we can make it work together? Of course we can. It’s all a matter of trust and believing in the same ultimate goal: to keep Neerlandia alive and thriving. Neerlandia, our common ground to celebrate our cultural background.

Earlier I spoke about mixed feelings and my sadness about Pieter’s retirement from the Committee altogether. Yet the sadness is lifted by the excitement of seeing the new direction that Neerlandia is taking.

Everyone who knows Pieter, will know how difficult it will be for him to not run the Club anymore. However, Pieter is aware of my good intentions and my dedication and I thank him for the kind words he spoke in the previous Neerlandia Magazine.

The best thing that can happen to Pieter is to see the Club stay as healthy as it currently is with a guaranteed future. And that is possible and I ask your assistance and your belief in myself and in the Committee. Together we can make this work.

Tonight Pieter looked at me and ceremoniously handed me about 20 keys, he looked relieved and I felt overwhelmed by the weight of those keys but I carry that weight gladly.

Tonight’s Committee meeting was the end of an era for Pieter and for Joke; tonight is the beginning of an era for my husband & for me.

All that is left for me to say at this moment is: God’s speed Joke and Pieter, enjoy yourself, my ex-President!



At the last AGM I indicated that this would be my last year as President. But due to a constant feeling of tiredness, I decided that the time had come to call it a day and this is what I did at the June Committee Meeting.

This tiredness was most likely my own fault for taking on too much work, not delegating enough and thinking that, as always, I could cope. But when I was still feeling stressed out after a decent Christmas break, I knew my body was telling me that I was overdoing it and that things needed to be changed or I could be heading for a break-down. So after being Vice-President for 2 years, Secretary for 2 years and your President for 7 years, Joke and I felt the time had come for a lifestyle change, meaning more recreational activities; more time with family and friends as well as enjoy more holidays, especially as we are both still fit and well. When I was elected your President in 2005 I had a few goals in mind. The merging of the Dutch magazines, whereby the ANSWA, the DACWA and the Dutch Community Radio Newsletters all became inserts in the Neerlandia magazine; to get all Dutch organisations in WA making our clubhouse their home; to get better co-operation with the WA Consulate and the Canberra Embassy and to attract more Dutch people to the clubhouse, especially those who arrived here during the last 20 years, but at the same time allow our older members to continue their regular activities unabated.

Not an easy task as I had to deal with a few strong Dutch personalities, but I can honestly say that these objects have all been achieved with flying colours. To top it off, membership numbers have hardly changed over the last 7 years and Neerlandia is financially sound and doing exceptionally well. This, of course could not have been achieved by myself and I have to thank Joke for standing by my side, the members who elected and trusted me to lead Neerlandia; all the hard-working volunteers on which Neerlandia relies so much; and not to forget those Committee members that supported and assisted me during all those years and last but not least the dedicated group of committee members that turned up every Friday to assist with setting up the club for functions and carried out money saving maintenance.

My departure brought about the following important changes: Lianna Parker has been appointed Acting President and I strongly recommend she should be re-elected at the AGM.

Tony Horsten, our Vice-president, who is still working full time, did not want to take on the Presidency at this stage.

Marieke van den Berg has been appointed the Acting Secretary and should also be re-elected at the AGM.

Our Treasurer Piet van Dijk has also resigned as from the 1st of July, but will remain a Committee Member so that he can continue with the data input of the stock items on the new Cash Register/Scanning system.

Ad Liebrechts has resigned for personal & health reasons and I like to thank him for his work with computer training.

Marion Dreijer has been appointed by the Committee to take Ad Liebrechts’s place until the AGM.

These changes on the Neerlandia Committee are not the end of the world. You still have dedicated and well motivated committee. I remain Editor of the magazine and I have made myself available for advice and special projects if needed.

EDITORIAL:

Let me just put on my Editorial hat and explain the following: *The next magazine will be the SEPTEMBER issue as the JULY/AUGUST magazines are combined.*

Pieter Leeftang, Editor

Obtaining the Dutch Nationality

Reverse Naturalisation Ceremony:

On Wednesday Morning the 23rd of May a reverse naturalisation ceremony took place in the Neerlandia Clubhouse Lounge. You may very well ask, what is



Consul-General Jaap Frederiks explains the procedures involved.

that all about. Well, a small group of 16 people, all living in WA, who were all Australian citizens and all had Dutch parents or Dutch ancestors, applied for and were granted their Dutch nationality by the

Dutch Government.

Consul-General Jaap Frederiks, who flew over especially from Sydney, conducted this memorable ceremony.

Although strict laws and rules apply that make it difficult to get the Dutch nationality, it is still possible for some people.

At arrival everyone was greeted with a cup of Coffee to settle the nerves and then Jaap Frederiks explained

not only the advantages of getting the Dutch nationality but also the responsibilities that came with it.

The successful applicants also had to read a proclamation or oath in the Dutch language, swearing allegiance to the Dutch Government and Monarchy. Most people



managed to do that quite successfully, some struggled with the Dutch pronunciations and one lady Mrs Henny Dent

recited it entirely off by heart.

After the ceremony the consulate provide everyone with Coffee & Appeltaart and a few Bitterballen to introduce the new Dutchies to some classic Dutch snacks. Another successful event with repeats to follow.



Pieter Leeftang.



Ben McAvay, daughter Maya, Angelique and relative awaiting the start of the ceremony.



Jaap Frederiks joins some of the candidates, who were enjoying Coffee with our home-made Dutch Appeltaart.



Anne Rietveld reads her proclamation.



The Rietvelds with relatives enjoying refreshments.

Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

*De volgende
Klaverjas Drives
worden gehouden
op Zondag 1 Juli en
Zondag 5 Augustus.*

Kosten: \$7.00 per persoon.

Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het
Neerlandia Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn tegoed bonnen voor
onze winkel.

Lunch & 2 kopjes Koffie zijn bij de
toegangsprijs
inbegrepen.

Aanvang 11.00

Iedereen is
welkom

**DUTCH IMPORTED LIQUOR**

INMAAK BRANDEWIJN	\$50.00 PER LITER
OUDE Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
JONGE Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
CITROEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
BEERENBURG	\$50.00 PER LITER
POLLEN BESSEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
ZWARTE BESSEN Jenever	\$40.00 PER LITER
CITROEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
MILLWOOD LIQUEUR	\$30.00 per 700 ML
DIKKE ADVOCAT	\$30.00 per 700 ML

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—Noon

**PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN
ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE
SHOP IS OPEN:**

Every 2nd Tuesday from:
10.00 am—12 noon
Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

The next 2 End of month Drinks will be held
on Friday the 27th of July and on Friday the 31st of August.
NEW HOURS! The Bar will be open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm,
and the Kitchen will remain open until 8.30 pm.

Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old
friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch
snack or just a cup of coffee!

Available from our Kitchen:

Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Kroket! Broodje Frikandel!
Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!

“Kinder Menu” also available!

The Neerlandia “Winkel” will be open for your convenience!

Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome.

Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Marieke

Eventjes Bijpraten is a column in which the Acting President and Acting Secretary keep you informed on “ditjes & datjes” happening in Dutch Club “Neerlandia”.

New (Acting) President



You have all read that, with Pieter Leeftang's retirement, I am now Neerlandia's Acting President. This means that from now until the AGM in September I will be acting as President until elections on 16 September. I will be putting my name forward for the position of President at the AGM.

As I said in my President's report in this magazine, me being (acting) President is quite significant for Neerlandia as it is the first time that you have a female President. As Pieter pointed out in the last edition of this magazine, the future of Neerlandia requires that we take a new direction and maybe having the first female President is a sign of this.

Some of you may not know me and may be a bit concerned about this change at the helm and to not have Pieter Leeftang's familiar face at every club function. I was born in The Hague and I first came to Australia in 1986. After a short period away we returned to this country but this time for good – a decision that we have never regretted.

After Barrie, my husband and I returned to Australia, we became Neerlandia members. Not that we were in any way involved with the Club but we felt that, although we did not have the time to spend at Neerlandia, we should support the Club and show our interest in the cause.

Occasionally I would come to the Club to buy from the Dutch shop or to buy Dutch liquor. Eventually I became interested to be more involved and now I am looking forward, if elected of course, to becoming President of Dutch Society “Neerlandia”.

I will endeavor to get to know you all and I will try to attend as many Club functions as possible. At the same time I ask you to give me the time and the opportunity to

work as hard and positively as I can to guarantee a healthy future for the Club that is now 44 years old.

Lianna Parker

New (Acting) Secretary



Hi everyone

I'm pleased to introduce myself to you as Neerlandia's new secretary. My name is Marieke van den Berg, I am 29 years old and have been a committee member of Neerlandia and in charge of memberships for almost a year now. I moved to Perth from the

Netherlands just over 4 years ago to live with my Australian partner Darren and to pursue a career in Nursing.

After 2 years in Perth, I heard about the upcoming “Koninginnedag” celebrations at the Dutch Club and I decided to go take a look. I ended up becoming a member that same day. In the year that followed I regularly visited the End of Month drinks and a few months after my son Harry was born, I decided it was time to become more active in the club and I became a committee member. It was and still is my intention to attract the younger generation to our club: they are the key to the future of the club. Anyone who has visited the club during the End of Month drinks in the past year will have noticed a big difference. Lianna and myself have been working very hard in attracting young(er) Dutch people and their families to the club. Last Koninginnedag's attendance of 200+ has most definitely shown that our efforts are paying off.

In the next few years I hope that I'll be able to attract more new members to the club, to ensure its continuing legacy of Dutch culture in Perth. I'd like for my son to be able to come to the club and feel like he's in “The Netherlands” for the afternoon, without having to be on a plane for 24 hours. He's already gained a whole bunch of surrogate uncles, aunties and opa's and oma's, all thanks to Neerlandia.

I'm very excited about becoming Neerlandia's secretary and with Lianna as president I am positive we can keep Neerlandia going strong and provide our members with a wonderful Dutch experience, time after time.

I can be contacted on:

mariekevandenberg@westnet.com.au or you can call me at the club, on: 9381 3738, most Friday mornings between 9am and 10am.

Marieke vd Berg

End of Month Drinks

In May we had another very successful End of Month Borrel and it was great to see that people who had visited the Club at the first EoM 2 1/2 years ago, now returned and remarked on the positive changes.

The Children's Paradise too is a growing success and we are now awaiting the newly acquired, fitted café blinds to keep rain, cold and heat out as much as possible.

GET WELL SOON

To those members who are not feeling too well, who are ill, injured or who are battling a severe illness, the Neerlandia Committee wish you all the very best and above all, a full and speedy recovery.



Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Marieke

And as the area will be more protected from the elements after the installation of the blinds, we will be able to add a beautiful collection of drawings on the wall. We found Marieke Lunel, the granddaughter of a DACWA client, willing to use her artistic gift and made beautiful pieces of art for us.

During the June EoM Drinks we hope to have the new blinds up whereas we have scheduled the July End of Month Drinks to have Marieke's decorations on the wall. We also found some new bar tenders and certified people who offered to work behind the bar. This is a fantastic development as it means that we can have rosters for bar personnel and it means that in the future you will see younger faces behind the bar – an indication of the imminent revival of Neerlandia.

Patrick Kemner is our latest bar tender and you will find him on the Friday nights. And if you wonder why he is so much more professional than the usual bar tenders: Patrick works in a winery in the Swan Valley!

For those of you who are not members yet, can I please urge you to become a member of the Club? For the last few months you have enjoyed the hospitality and the "gezelligheid", so typical amongst the Dutch, you have enjoyed our ridiculously low prices for food and drinks, so please think about the continuation of the Club and become a member.

Details are in the following Membership article. Please come and have a chat with Marieke vd Berg (Acting Secretary) or myself and we can assist you. We are working hard on making the future of the Club successful but obviously, we can't do it without your support!

Memberships

We are now in June and unfortunately there are still numerous outstanding membership payments. The club cannot function without your annual contributions, so please make sure you pay your membership on time. Those members with outstanding payments have not received a magazine after the April issue. It is unfair to those members who have paid their membership on time to be footing the bill of printing and mailing the magazine to those members who have failed to pay their membership.

Currently Neerlandia has 406 paid members, of whom 3/4 are a concession member (which includes pensioners and country members). Membership is only \$60 per year, with every second member living at the same address paying \$35, as well as concession members. As we are halfway through the year, New Members who join can now do so for the rest of the year at half price! You can find a membership application form online, www.dutchclubwa.com or pick up a hard copy at the club.

Neerlandia Brunches

On June 17th we had again a very successful Neerlandia

Brunch with about 50 people turning up. The next one is scheduled for August 19 and with the new blinds by then well and truly up, the kids could have a great time while you are enjoying an advocaatje after Brunch!

We hope to see more young families in future who come to the club to enjoy a traditional Dutch breakfast. For details, prices and other information, please check the website www.dutchclubwa.com or contact Gerry Creemers on gerrycreemers@inet.net.au

Nederland's Tweede Kamerverkiezingen

If you are Dutch but not living in The Netherlands, you are still entitled to partake in de Tweede Kamer Verkiezingen op 12 September. For details about the procedure, please contact <http://www.mfa.nl/can>

Data Input

Do you have an accounting back ground and do you have a few hours to spare for us? We are looking for someone who can assist the Treasurer with the input of data for the monthly financial reports. If you are willing and able to assist, please contact Henri Koldenhoven on 94594180 or 0408740680

Painter wanted

Much to our relief and happiness, we have found a volunteer who has offered to paint and update the ladies' loo. Thank you very much Ben Hovingh, you are always so helpful and so kind with your offers to help us out.

Donations

On the subject of kindness, at the end of the June Committee Meeting, committee member Henk Hanemaaijer kindly offered to provide the funds to buy a Canon Colour printer for the office upstairs. This printer will greatly assist Alf Ukich with the creation of tickets and posters regarding the many Neerlandia functions. Thank you very much indeed Henk, your offer greatly appreciated. And also a warm thank you to Alf who has taken over the printing job from Pieter Leeftang. It is very encouraging to see how things are falling into place.

Marianne Alcock gave a donation to Neerlandia in exchange for our assistance in finding details on the boat "Sibajak", that brought her to Australia in 1953. Thanks Marianne, it was a pleasure meeting you.

Pool table

Any one interested in our 6 foot slate base snooker table, together with balls, cues, etc.?

It's ready to be picked up! Warning – being slate based it is heavy; probably a four person job to get it out of the house.

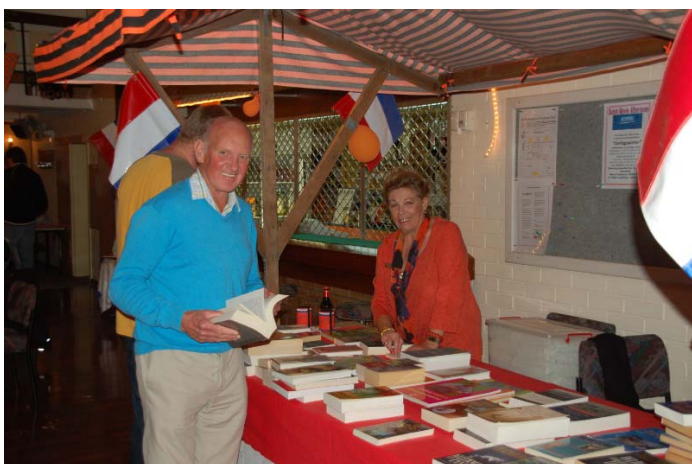
Please contact Barrie Parker on: 0417 918 359 or email him at: barrie_parker@bigpond.com (barrie_parker)

Lianna & Marieke.

End of Month Drinks at Neerlandia

The May End of Month Drinks:

These End of Month Drinks were held on Friday the 25th of May and once again we had a good turnout as



about 80 people attended.

The Herring Stall was used this time to sell recently published Dutch Books for a few dollars each. These books have all been donated to Neerlandia recently, but with an overflowing library, we thought of the idea to create a bit of space on our library shelves.



With the large number of attendances, we have no option but to open the main Hall as well as the Lounge. But the

main bar will only be opened if the sheer volume of people becomes too much for the small bar to handle.

The Kitchen volunteers, which these days is a mixture of old hands and

younger volunteers, are getting better at handling the bigger



crowds. Especially now that we have Marion Dreijer on board as well. Marion has extensive catering



experience and this is showing. More work is also in hand to improve our Children's Paradise and make it even more enjoyable.

Next time you visit the End of Month Drinks, which will be held on the 27th of July, just have a look

at the Children's Paradise. All in all another positive sign that things are improving every month.



Pieter Leeftang



Marion, Dora and Aart are taking a break to pose for the for the camera.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on the 28th of May,
A lifelong supporter of Neerlandia

Bert van Wereld

Our sincere condolences go to his family from the
DJVV (de Jeugd van Vroeger)
and the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA



May He Rest in Peace.

July & August Birthdays

The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of July 2012.**

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday!**

Joke Leeftang
Peter Bles
Con van der Putten
Janny Udinga
Pieter Sonius
Bert Hummel
Jane Kieneker
Adriana Hutchinson
Dominique van Pelt
Nel Stapelbroek
Meta Bruining
Peter Hoonhout
Ans Warwick
Els Meyer
Wilhelmina Spijkers
Thea de Koning
Zdenko Stulcbauer
Helen Dingjan
Lynette Dijkstra
Mary Piggott
Judy van de Vlag
Terry Parker
Klaas Bakker
Lou Dijkmans
Nelly Liebrechts
Joke van de Peppel
Herry van der Sluys
Jaap Spaans
Frans Fikke
Ynte Strikwerda
Cor Egberts
Nel Bakker
Arnold Giltay
Nola Vermeer
Anne Neil
Klaas Zijlstra
Jan Olminkhof
Rolf de Groot
Joyce Kaya-de Mey
Kees Swager
John Lamers
Anne Heistek
Collin Heijer

If your birthday is not mentioned or the details are not correct, this means that we have the incorrect data entered in our membership database.

Or you may wish that your birthday is not mentioned at all.

To make changes you need to contact our **Membership Administrator:**

Marieke van den Berg.

Her E-mail address is:

mariekevandenberg@westnet.com.au



The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of August 2012.**

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday!**

Rita Phillips
Ab de Klerk
Sally Hoedemaker
Janny van Praag
Aart Ter Kuile
Matty Mentz
Pamela van der Meulen
Bep Banken
Jean-Paul Chaudron
Trudy Huiting
Truus Zuideveld
Sophia Bunning
Sjoerd van der Weg
Herman Gerards
Toon Kamps
Deanna Vlam
Lien Koedijk
Henk Arts
Frits van Irsen
Jan Berg
Anneke Rombouts
Johannes Arns
Joop Lubout
Ellen Oliver
Martina Koster
Tom van der Veldt
Mieke Edel - de Boer
Hennie Gradisen
Nicholas van Zwol
Greet Roukens
Camiel van Wichen
Maaïke Kemner
Marieke Weerheim
Ric van der Feltz

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The Dutch law and obtaining the Dutch nationality

Information Session on obtaining or retaining the Dutch Nationality:

On Wednesday evening the 23rd of May an information session was held by the Dutch Consulate of Australia in our clubhouse.



Our Patron, the Dutch Hon Consul of WA, Arnold Stroobach introduced the Consul-General from Sydney, Mr Jaap Frederiks

The subject matter was the current Dutch Laws regarding obtaining or retaining the Dutch nationality. That at short notice we still managed to get over 60 people to attend, all of them contacted by E-mail, shows how important this information is and how little is known about the subject. But going by the questions asked, it also



showed how complicated this matter is and that it can differ for every individual. Even the Consul-General admitted that he did not know all the answers to the questions and referred

some people to put their problems in writing. He was also pleasantly surprised by the turnout and promised that next time there will be a reverse naturalisation Ceremony in Perth, it will be followed by another information session. We thoroughly hope that we will get more notice and that we can inform all our members in time. Another successful event at our Club.

Pieter Leeflang



DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

Levensmiddelen en allerlei lekkernijen uit Nederland

- ... Bitterballen, Kroketten & Frikandellen.
- ... Van Wees Rookworst.
- ... Leidse & Goudse Kaas
- ... **Zoute Haring, Gerookte Makreel**
- ... Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- ... Groenten in glas en in blik
- ... Piccalilly & Zoet-Zure Augurken. (Bommen of Party Sticks)
- ... Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuit
- ... Gestampte Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolade Vlokken
- ... Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaasjes en Speculaas Brokken

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Elke Woensdag | van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm |
| Elke tweede Dinsdag (non - DJVV week) | van 11.00 am - noon |
| Elke tweede Donderdag (DJVV week) | van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm |
| Elke Donderdag avond | van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm |
| Iedere Vrijdag | van 10.00 am - Noon |

De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden

Winter Variety Concert

Presented by:

**The Dutch Singers, the Heimat Choir
and Soloists**

DATE:

Sunday 15 July 2012

Venue:

Neerlandia Clubhouse

Cost:

Members \$10.00, Guests \$12.00

Time:

Doors open 11.00 am. Show starts at 1.00 pm

Refreshments:

The Admission price includes Coffee/Tea.

*Come early as our Kitchen will be open for
Dutch Lunchtime Snacks and Sandwiches.*

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*Please do not miss this fun-filled, fantastic afternoon
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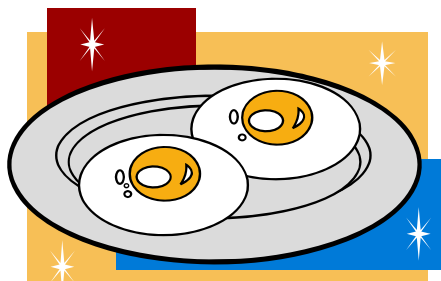
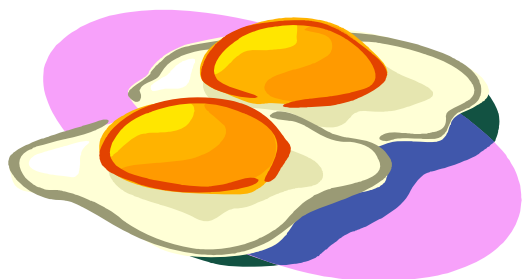
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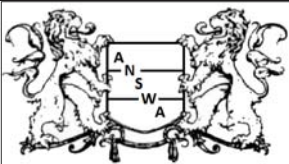
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From the President:



Dear Readers

At last Perth's dry spell has been broken and we have received some much-needed rainfall although we could have done without the storms that came with the rain. From 1st of June to the 3rd of June, I represented ANSWA at the Zest Festival. This festival marked the 300th anniversary of the Zuytdorp shipwreck near Kalbarri. Friday evening

was the opening of the WA Museum and Still Life Art Exhibition at the Allen Centre. This exhibition showed pictures of the Dutch Golden Age and then local artists depicting the connection between our cultures through their art. It gave me an opportunity to meet the artists, that was very rewarding. Saturday morning was the official welcome by the traditional Nanda people and the formal unveiling of the Zuytdorp Commemorative Plaque. After the unveiling I went to visit the works that were created by children from Kindergarten to High school. Staff at the High school had developed activities with the students that related to the wrecking of the Zuytdorp and the connections between The Dutch East India Company, The Netherlands, the Spice Trade and Kalbarri. The Kindergarten and Primary grades each had a different topic to focus on and children from kindergarten and pre-primary were involved with activities that viewed and discussed Dutch artists. A credit to the teaching staff at the schools on producing a most inspiring and rewarding exhibit. On Saturday afternoon there was a selection of food and spices at the Kalbarri foreshore, which was well attended. I am very pleased that I was able to represent ANSWA at this fantastic festival. My special thanks goes to the following 3 ladies. Rebecca Mills, the Zest Festival Coordinator. She created a festival for attracting and enriching Australians and international visitors and combining it with the local community to share the emotions of time. Susan Broomhall is Professor of Early Modern History. She is the Chief Investigator in the ARC Centre for the History of Emotions, researching the relationships between early modern colonialism, emotions and objects, as well as affective communities of exploration, trade and colonialism in the Indian Ocean region specifically. Erika von Kaschke is the National Communications Officer at the ARC Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions 1100 – 1800. She designed the 2012 Zest Festival exhibition panels, posters and the festival books. I thoroughly enjoyed the Zest Festival and was sorry to leave new acquaintances and the beautiful district of Kalbarri. It is definitely worth a long visit.

ANSWA is contemplating holding a reunion for all Dutch migrants who came out 1952. Please let me know if you are interested on:

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KALBARRI 'ZEST FESTIVAL' "300th Anniversary of the wreck of the VOC ship 'The Zuytdorp'"



Well, what a fantastic time it was in Kalbarri on the 1st and 2nd of June, when a number of us, along with a few dignitaries, local people and members of the Nanda community got together to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the wrecking of the Dutch VOC ship 'The Zuytdorp'.

There was the opening of the Art Exhibition, the Unveiling of the Commemorative Plaque, beachfront Fete and beach Bonfire with storytelling and of course the dinner at the 'Zuytdorp' Restaurant at the end of it all.

Just a little history lesson to put you in the picture:

The Zuytdorp was a ship belonging to the Dutch East India Company known in short as the VOC—it had been on its way to Batavia (now known as Jakarta in Indonesia) to trade for spices etcetera—it also carried 3 tons of newly minted silver coins. On board there was a crew of 282.

Sometime in June of 1712 either at night or during bad weather or even perhaps both she hit the Cliffs that now bears her name. Evidence shows that there were survivors but what happened to them is not sure. There is aboriginal evidence that survivors may have joined with them even married into the tribe. The Nanda (Nhunda) people firmly believe this and the stories have passed down through the ages; & through the families.



Also evidence of diseases possibly passed onto them by the survivors like Porphyria Variegata (PV) and Ellis-v-Creveld (EvC) which was genetically linked to the Amish; and to the Afrikaners of South Africa—the VOC ships called into Cape Town to pick up supplies and also new crew members when on their way to Batavia.

(1) The Opening of the Art Exhibition at Kalbarri on the 1st June 2012 was indeed fascinating with many of the works of art celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the Zuytdorp.

Present was the Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands His Excellency Willem Andreae who, in his speech said "The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Canberra proudly supports the 'Zest Festival' and the festival's *Still Life/Our Life Exhibition*. Both the festival and the exhibition are a great way to involve the local community in an interesting part of our shared history. Clearly, the connection between our cultures is very much alive and relevant today. It all started with the arrival of Dutch explorers in the 17th and 18th centuries. The Dutch considered that period their 'Golden Age'. By the 17th century, the Netherlands was at the peak



of its powers.

The spice trade was very profitable. The Dutch had a strong commercial interest throughout the world and embarked on a great number of (commercial) exploration journeys. On their way to Batavia (in the Dutch East Indies, today's Indonesia), a number of ships of the Dutch East India Company (VOC) became shipwrecked on the Western Australian coast. This happened to the *Zuytdorp*, exactly 300 years ago. The 'Golden Age' was not only economically but also artistically a prosperous period for the Dutch. The Dutch painters were highly prolific. The Dutch paintings of that period, either 'Landscape', 'Genre Painting', 'Portraiture' or 'Still Life', offer great snapshots of what Dutch life was like. I am glad to see so much enthusiasm among a great number of talented local artists in interpreting these Dutch works and I would like to thank them for taking the people of Kalbarri on an artistic journey, in celebration of our shared history."



His Excellency Willem Andreae.

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'Entwined'
By Yvonne Whitehead—a
tribute to the Zuytdorp.

**(2)Zuytdorp
Commemorative Plaque—**
the President of the Shire of
Northampton Mr Gordon
Wilson opened this very
important part of the 'Zest
Festival' and introduced the
traditional owners, first Mr
Clayton Drage and then
elders of the Nhunda people
whose children performed a
great dance and 'clapping

stick' performance by way of
'welcome to our country'.
Mr Tom Vanderveldt
President of the VOC
Historical Society in Perth
then translated the
'welcome' into Dutch which
was appreciated by many of
the guests present. It gave
the right atmosphere to the
whole event—the Dutch
VOC ship the 'Zuytdorp'.
Shire President Mr Wilson
then said "we in turn
respectfully acknowledge
the past and present
traditional owners of this
land on which we are
meeting to commemorate
the 300th year anniversary
of the Zuytdorp shipwreck,
the Nanda people. It is a
privilege to be standing on
Nanda country."

The Dutch Ambassador His
Excellency Willem Andreae
was then introduced and he
made a very important and
well accepted speech.



Welcome to our country.

Dr Playford, who as a primary
discoverer of the Zuytdorp
wreck, also made a very
informative and welcoming
speech where he also made
particular attention to the fact
that the aboriginal people had



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also been primary discoverers of the wreck, particularly one Ada Drage, whose descendants were amongst the guests present. At last the unveiling of that brilliant plaque—shining proudly in the sunshine on this special day. All this had a very special affect on many of the



From the left Mr Clayton Drage, the beautiful plaque & His Excellency Willem Andreae

guests—the traditional owners and the special Embassy, Government and Museum guests. Also of course all the other Dutch guests and the locals of Kalbarri. Special mention was made by the speakers, on a number of occasions, of those lost souls of the Zuytdorp and of the possible survivors—which in turn led to the mention of DNA studies.

History was made on this day at Kalbarri, I was certainly glad to have been there.

(3) Then off to the festivities



Painting on the 'Zuytdorp' close to the cliffs that now bears her name.
 Painting by Adriaan de Jong of Perth WA

on the foreshore where there were lots of stalls, games for children, food tasting and much more. (4) In the evening a huge bonfire on the foreshore which could be seen anywhere from the town site and storytelling—a fine end to a truly historic day.

(5) A group of the guests then decided to go out to



Coins from the ship the Zuytdorp.

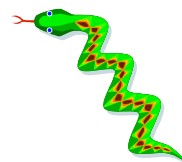
dinner that night—so where else to go to than the 'Zuytdorp Restaurant' - brilliant!

A great weekend!!! HC



KALBARRI

The local aboriginal people inhabited the area for thousands of years and have a dreaming story about the Rainbow serpent forming the Murchison River as she came from inland to the coast.



The first European people to visit the area were the crew of the trading ship belonging to the Dutch East India Company, the Batavia, who put two mutinous crew members ashore near Hutt River just south of the town. The cliffs near the river mouth were named after another trading ship, the Zuytdorp, that was wrecked there in 1712.



The area became a popular fishing and tourist spot in the 1940s and by 1948 the state government declared it a town site. Lots were soon surveyed and the town was gazetted in 1951. Kalbarri was named after an Aboriginal man from the Murchison tribe and is also the name of an edible seed.





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Hello dear listeners and readers. I am pleased to report that Dutch Community Radio is going strong and is continuing to broadcast your news and music. Although we miss our Aat and Jenny, the show must go on. Their past guidance and instruction to the Presenters and Panel Operators has been invaluable and is now paying off as we continue to carry out the wonderful legacy laid down before us.

We continue to look for improvements with respect to music and news items. Very few people realise the amount of work that is involved by all our wonderful volunteers in preparing the program to go to air on a weekly basis.

The music has to be selected and logged, indicating the time for each song and then to read and select the news items that may be important to our listeners. This too has to be timed and inserted on our log sheets, so that we come to a precise total of 90 minutes; the time that is allocated to the Dutch program on air.

Volunteers also carry out research as to what is occurring in and around the community which is given in our "mededelingen". All this information is collated and master records are kept for future times as well as any inquiry that may require us to look up records and answer a question.

I am, personally as the

"convenor" for the Dutch Radio very proud of our volunteers and number of hours of dedication they give to make our program successful.

However, having said all this I would like to request if there is anybody out there that would like to be part of our team to contact me on 94546879 or email me at:

dutchradio@iinet.net.au. Your willingness will be greatly received and appreciated, as at this stage a couple of our presenters have handed in their notice so as to complete courses that they have embarked on in their respective vocations. Thus placing a little pressure on the remaining to fulfil the requirements of our commitment.

As a team we have also been discussing outings where we can enjoy each others company and have pleasurable get togethers at the odd BBQ. We also welcome anyone who may wish to be a social function coordinator to the group. In addition we will need a couple of people to assist in copying all our CD's onto computer in MP3 format as the station we operate through, heads towards total digitisation. The Dutch radio owns approximately 1000 CD's and no doubt this will take considerable time to copy to an external hard drive. Again any willing volunteers will be gratefully welcomed. There are

many aspects to sending a program to air. Presenters need to pass a test set by Radio 6EBA to meet their requirements, this test in my personal opinion is more of common sense than anything else.

We are also in need of panel operators, who are responsible to see the program goes to air and meets with station requirements and within the requirements of the broadcast authority. To adjust levels of sound and to ensure adverts broadcast as per instructions. Our environment is pleasant we endeavour to be light hearted when together in the studio. You will make new friends and be able to make suggestions for our successful broadcast.

Harry Crijns
Convenor for the Dutch Community Radio.

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HEERLEN

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The municipality is the second largest in the province of Limburg. It forms part of Parkstad Limburg, formerly known as the "Oostelijke Mijnstreek", an agglomeration of about 220,000 inhabitants. Heerlen itself has a population of around 89000.

HISTORY

In 1997, a habitation from the Michelsberg culture (4400 - 3500 BC) was excavated at the Schelsberg, near Heerlen. Archaeological finds from this period are rare in the Netherlands. The site is unique in the Netherlands, as it is the first excavated site with ditches and earth walls (earthworks).

Even with these proofs of early habitation, the history of Heerlen properly starts with the arrival of the Romans. They founded a military settlement, named Coriovallum on the crossroad of two main roads: Boulogne sur Mer - Cologne and Xanten - Aachen - Trier. In Heerlen and its surroundings a lot of evidence of Roman life has been excavated, especially Roman villas (country estates). The most notable archaeological excavation from Roman times is the Thermae complex in the centre of Heerlen, a Roman bathhouse, discovered in 1940. In the Netherlands only a few of these have been found. It is a clear indication that Coriovallum/Heerlen was of some importance. A museum has been built over the Thermae and opened in 1977. The Thermen museum also houses other Roman finds from the area.



Monument erected on the place of the Roman crossroad

EIGHTY YEARS WAR

The oldest mention of Heerlen (as 'Herle') is in an official document dated 1065. Udo, bishop of Toul, documents some gifts.

In 1244 Heerlen came under the authority of the dukes of Brabant, but in 1388, along with Hoensbroek, it was given a separate status. During the Eighty Years' War (1568–1648), Heerlen was disputed by the kingdom of Spain and the Dutch Protestant rebels and swapped sides several times. At the 1661 Partage Treaty, Heerlen became part of "Staat-Limburg", ruled by the States-General of the newly-founded Dutch Republic. Being in the border region, close to the Spanish territories, it remained quite isolated until 1793, when the French conquered Heerlen. After the defeat of Napoleon in 1814 it became part of the Netherlands province of Limburg (present-day Dutch and Belgian Limburg). In 1830, like most of Limburg, Heerlen sided with Belgium in the Belgian Revolution. In 1839 however, as a result of an agreement between the main European powers (the London Conference), it became part of the Netherlands again.

COAL MINING DEVELOPMENT

In the 19th century, Heerlen, like most of Limburg municipalities (Maastricht was an exception), did not partake in the Industrial Revolution and it remained largely agrarian until coalmining began in the late 19th/early 20th century. In March 1874, coal had been found at the Valkenburgerweg. However, setting up a mine is a risky long-term investment and only very few private enterprises took up the challenge and bought a concession. In 1896 Heerlen got its first railway connection to allow the transportation of coal from these first coal mines. Development was still rather slow: in 1812 Heerlen had a population of 3497, in 1900 this was still only 6646.

THE GOLDEN YEARS

In 1901, the national government stepped in and bought all remaining unsold concessions and set up the State Mines. In a short period of time several large state-operated coalmines began production. The population rose sharply from 6646 in 1900 to 12,098 in 1910 to 32,263 in 1930.[2] During these early expansion years many old buildings in the centre of Heerlen were demolished. The coalmines remained central to the development of Heerlen into a modern city until the early 1960s, the period during which mayor Van Grunsven was mayor of Heerlen.

ENDING OF COAL MINING

The golden years of coalmining ended in the late 1950s, after which production gradually diminished due to competition from cheaper Polish and American coal and the discovery of natural gas in the province of Groningen. In the period 1965–1975 the coalmines were closed altogether. In the area around Heerlen-Kerkrade-Brunssum and Sittard-Geleen 60,000 people lost their jobs. A difficult period of economic re-adjustment started. The Dutch government tried to ease the pain by moving several governmental offices (ABP, CBS) to Heerlen but even today the city has not fully recovered from the loss of tens of thousands of jobs.

The green City of Heerlen

MODERN DAY HEERLEN

Heerlen can now be called the "greenest city in the Netherlands", according to a recent study by the agency Alterra Wageningen.

In the city shape of modern-day Heerlen, very little reminds us of the once omni-present mining industry. Most of the typical mounds of mining debris that surrounded the coal mines, have been removed or transformed into lush green hills during an operation called "van zwart naar groen" (Dutch "from black to green").

Even the tallest mine chimney of Europe, 'Lange Lies' ('Long Lies') and her older brother 'Lange Jan' ('Long John'), once major landmarks, were demolished. One of the few remaining mining buildings (shaft 2 of the Oranje Nassau I) now houses the Dutch Mine Museum.

THE CONCERTO APPROACH

The ambitious community of Heerlen demonstrates the use of locally available low valued renewable energy sources, specifically water from abandoned mines for the heating and cooling of buildings. The system is based on low energy principles, and is facilitated by an integrated design of buildings and energy concepts. They will realize 50 to 100% CO₂ reduction and 60% increase in energy supply from RES compared with standard national practices. Through its participation in the CONCERTO project, the city of Heerlen took a great step toward a more greener environment.

The last miner left the mines in Heerlen in 1976. Since then the former mineshafts have been filled with geothermal heated ground water, which has a different temperature at different depths and can therefore be used for both - heating and cooling.

A new district heating grid uses water at a constant temperature of 22° C from the mines, used water is pumped back into the mineshafts. No further increase in the temperature of the mine water is needed. The water runs through an embedded hydraulic piping system under the floor of the Heerlerheide Centre, a new multifunctional complex for residential use, which also contains a library, a supermarket, a conference room and a café.



CONCERTO is co-financed by the European Union under the Research Framework Programme.

Solar cells will also be integrated into the buildings and in window shades that will follow the position of the sun.

The Mall

Heerlen is a popular shopping city with wide and varied businesses to choose from. There are several large shopping centres, such as the Corio Centre and The Loon. You could also visit the extensive residential boulevard, where millions of visitors from far and wide do their shopping. One can also relax by seeing a movie, by way of dining or just grabbing a snack when in a hurry. Heerlen boasts many terraces.



Corio Shopping Centre

WARNINGS TO TOURISTS

In Heerlen and in many other cities and places in Limburg, drug trafficking and crime goes hand in hand.

If you just want to smoke a joint, go to one of the legalized "coffee shops".

Another hassle is "junkies" and wanderers you might occasionally meet at supermarkets and city centres asking for money, which most Dutch people find an annoyance, since they already have an income from the state to survive. Normally the begging persists, because they want to buy drugs with the money you give them. Giving these people money also encourages the crimes involved with the illegal drugs. Do not be tempted to give these people money, which could encourage others to indulge in this bad practise.



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Neerlandia AGM 16 September 2012

Neerlandia AGM:

On Sunday the 16th of September, starting sharp at 1.00 pm, our **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Neerlandia Clubhouse.

Elections of Committee:

The Election of Office Bearers is important.

This year, in accordance with our constitution, nominations are called for the following positions:

President. (one year term)

Secretary (two year term)

Treasurer (one year term)

Vice-President (two year term)

4 Committee Members (two year term)

1 Committee Members (one year term)

Sitting Committee Members that made themselves available for re-election are:

President: Lianna Parker.

Secretary: Marieke van den Berg

Treasurer: Vacant

Vice-President: Tony Horsten

Committee Members:

Henry Koldenhoven

Gerry Creemers

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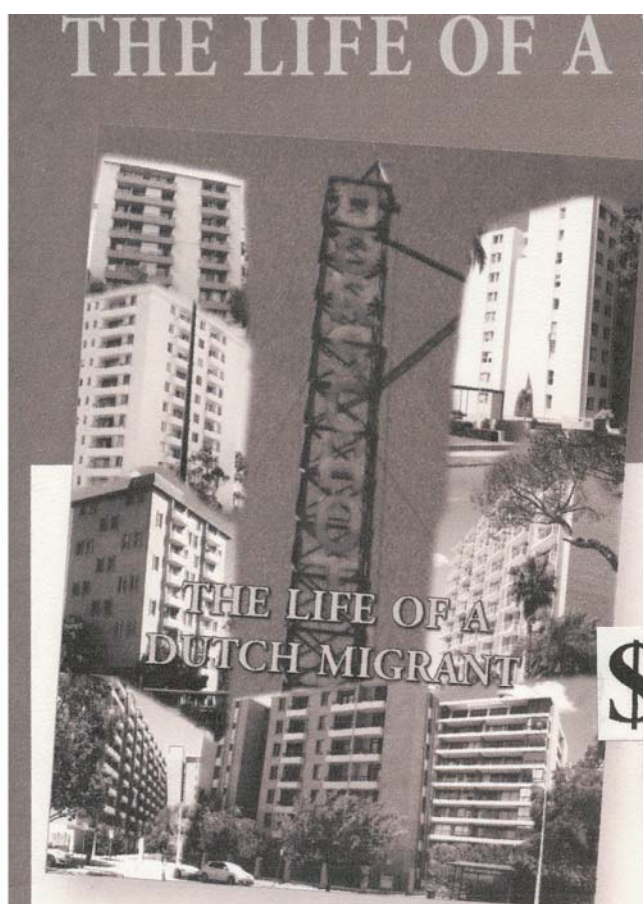
I accept the nomination:.


Signature Candidate.....

Membership No:.....

All nomination forms must be in the possession of the Secretary by Monday the 27th of August 2012

Please put the completed form in a sealed envelope, label it "Nomination for Committee" and hand it in at the bar or mail it to: The Secretary, Dutch Society Neerlandia, PO Box 200, Wembley WA 6913





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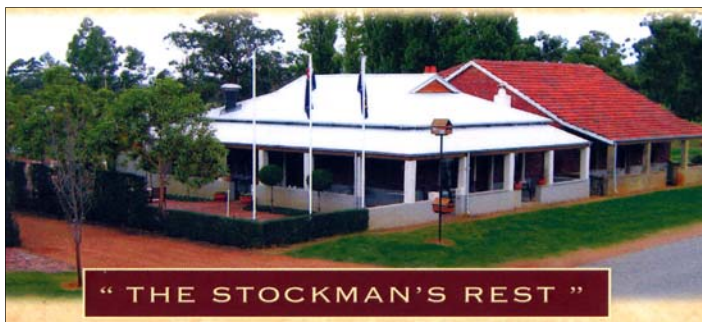
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dat ik op 70 nog sex kan hebben!



Ik ben zo gelukkig, ik woon op nummer 64...
dus dat is niet zo ver wandelen!

If you ever feel a little bit stupid, just dig this up and read it again; you'll begin to think you're a genius.



"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

Mariah Carey

"That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it," *A congressional candidate in Texas.*



"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."

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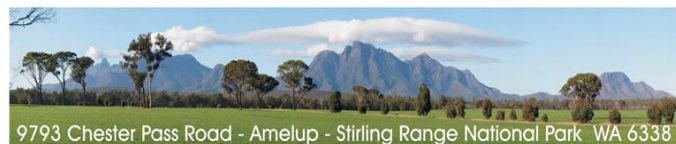
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June Sunday Klaverjas Drive:

This event was held on Sunday the 10th of June and although the weather outside was atrocious with a violent storm disrupting the electricity supply to thousands of houses, we still had 28 players or 7 tables.

Play started exactly at 11 am and after 2 games, lunch was served, which was prepared by Irma and Freda, thank you both.

After 2 more games the scorecards were handed in, checked for correctness and the winners were announced.



The first two placegetters made it a family affair with Rinus van den Ende finishing almost 400 points clear of Tiny Swart, with Riet van Emden in third place, another 150 points further back.

These winners on the day were:

1st prize: Rinus van den Ende 7369points

2nd prize: Tini Swart 6987 points

3rd prize: Riet van Emden 6744 points

The next Sunday Drives will be held on Sunday the 1st of July and the one after that on Sunday the 5th of August.

Everyone is welcome.

Pieter Leeftang.

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(Last month due to an unexplainable technical hitch a part of the article "Sailor's wives in the 1600's" went missing and was not published. I apologise for not noticing it and this month we will republish that missing part of the story so that those who read the article can go over it once again. Editor)

Missing part of: Sailor's Wives in the 1600's

Normally women then packed their husband's share of fish in a basket to offer it for sale going from door to door. It was custom that each crew member brought their own nets and fishing gear. On occasion a widow owned the vessel and then one of her relations would skipper the ship. When storms blew up when the fleet was out, some vessels did not survive the heavy pounding of the treacherous waves and went under. The families behind, as usual, made their way to the harbour on those stormy rain-swept days, waiting for their men to return, at times in vain. This part is relived in a haunting song, presented by The Dutch Singers:

'Als de Klok von Amemuiden,
Welkom thuis voor ons zal luiden,
Wordt de vreugde sours vermengd met droevenis,
Als een schip op zee gebleven is'.

Many fishermen were taking jobs in the growing mercantile marine offering higher wages which were paid out monthly and with the additional advantage that each crew member was allowed to trade a limited quantity goods for his own account. Also the navy offered advantages, like a share in the prize, when a pirate or enemy ship was captured.

Captains of ships in the merchant fleet and navy could also earn extra money by purchasing the victuals required for their vessels at the best possible prices, as a certain amount was established by the ship-owner for each crew member for the duration of the voyage. Against all this the wages paid out by the VOC and Navy were generally lower than those paid in the service of the independent merchant fleet and those ships fishing in the Shetlands and Arctic waters. Sailing under the VOC banner however brought one possible premium for the crew when a pirate or enemy ship had been captured after battle. Also after signing up for the Far East, two months pay was paid in advance, the money accrued during the time of the voyage, was then paid out on arrival in Holland to the crew-member or his widow or his family if any. Advance payment of part of the monies due could be taken up in the Indies or wherever the vessel was anchored for some time.

On the whole, the irregular income of lower rank crew members was insufficient for his family to survive throughout the year. Therefore the sailor-wives had to earn income as well to keep going. Jobs open to them were working as a servant for the more affluent families, washing and sewing and knotting and repairing fishing nets. Sailors-wives were in a different position in law than the others in the Republic as before leaving, a power of attorney could be drawn up by her husband in which he appointed his wife as his deputy for as long as he was at sea.

Written by Gerard Woerlee.

Women and Witches in the Republic.

Life was not meant to be easy as we often hear. That certainly applied to all of those who were born in the lower echelons of the community in the 16th and 17th century Republic of the Seven Provinces, where women especially had to bear the brunt.

Here follows a part of the laws of the day with the header... 'That which the wife hath is the husband's'. For thus it is, if before marriage the woman were possessed of horses, sheep, corn, wool, money, plate and jewels, all manner of moveable substance is presently by conjunction the husband's to sell, keep or bequeath if he die. And though he bequeath them not, yet are they the husband's executor's and not the wife's which brought them to her husband.

Shakespeare (1564-1616) said in his play *Taming of the Shrew*: 'Thy husband is thy Lord, thy Life, thy Keeper, thy Head, thy Sovereign, one that cares for thee.

Most people were illiterate, but schooling was available and if a family could afford it, the boys usually were attending school, while the girls stayed at home, helping with cleaning, washing, meal preparation, spinning, sewing and generally preparing for marriage.

Jobs in general were for men only, with the exception that if a woman was widowed, she was allowed to manage her husband's business and employ people if required. In that case she could operate a ship-building yard, own one or more ships, run a brewery, operate a shop and as such become an employer in her own right.

We all know the folk tale of 'Het Vrouwtje van Stavoren' (in Frisian; Frouke fan Starum), once a thriving port city in the Province of Friesland on the coast of the erstwhile Zuiderzee. This wealthy widow ordered one of the captains of her merchant-fleet to return only, when loaded with the greatest treasure in the world. On his return, he reported to his employer that he had safely arrived and was loaded with wheat, declaring that this was the most precious thing in the world as it can feed the hungry. On hearing this, the widow went ballistic, expecting precious pieces of art and jewellery, and all the way arguing, went to the harbour with the unhappy captain. On arrival she ordered the captain to empty the bags of wheat into the harbour. An old beggar cautioned her against this wicket deed as she would be cursed for wasting this precious food. On hearing this, the townspeople around laughed and the lady, in her anger, took off a precious ruby ring from her finger and cast it into the sea, declaring that she was as likely to fall into poverty as she was in regaining the ring. That night she entertained some Hanseatic merchant princes with a banquet, during which a large fish was served. The fish was cut and inside its belly laid the ruby ring. After that day the lady's fortunes worsened, her fleet was destroyed in violent storms and the harbour of Stavoren silted up. The harbour, now closed, caused the woman to become destitute and reduced her to beg for food in order to survive.

Women were working as domestic servants in the homes of her betters and many of them as live-ins, others earned money as midwives. However most women were housewives, helping their husbands in a shop or any other business and in rural areas, played an important role running a farm together with their husbands. She was also supposed

to have some knowledge of medicine and so treat the family's illnesses as only the rich could afford a 'chirurgijn' or doctor. Households in the early days were mostly self-sufficient and the woman in charge together with her servants, if she had any, had to bake bread for the family, brew beer as drinking pump-water was not safe, cure the bacon, salting meat and vegetables. Women in the upper echelon of society were not idle either, they had to supervise the servants and in general oversee the workers on the estate in a rural environment. During the absence of their husbands, they often looked after the accounts and the business, at times assisted by hired personnel where applicable. In their spare time they entertained, played a musical instrument and keeping themselves engaged with embroidery or weaving.

Most women had married, life as a spinster could be pretty hard and often they lived with relatives and had to work long hours to support themselves. Both boys and girls from the poorer families had to contribute to the family income from their seventh year of age. Girls, even in the better situated families, were not supposed to be idle and had to do work like spinning, weaving or embroidering.

Generally, children had to obey their parents and treat them with respect, discipline was harsh. In theory married women were to obey their husbands. All had to know his or her place in the community and were supposed to defer to their superiors. Rules were in existence to regulate what each class could and should not wear and were enforced to keep the classes distinct and easy recognisable. This rule was adhered to in Zaandam even in the early 1900's. My grandfather Hendrik told me the story what happened to him and my Oma Nel in their younger days. Oma Nel was a seamstress, earning money by creating beautiful dresses for her betters and she had made an elegant dress for herself. As was the custom, both walked to the Church on Sunday in their finery and were observed by my grandfather's boss from work. The Monday morning after, he was summoned to the office and asked by his superior who he thought he was. Your wife was dressed above her station he was told. If that happens again you may have to look for work elsewhere.

Girls could marry as from twelve years on, however, most marriages occurred in their mid or late twenties. Childbirth was rather dangerous and many died 'in childbirth', the reason being the un-hygienic practices of the day with midwives often assisting with hands not washed. There were many ways to prevent pregnancy for those living four hundred years ago, not all of them very comfortable, like inserting half a lemon. Another way was to opt for a life in a nunnery, a method actually encouraged by the church with a view of an initial dowry and perhaps later an inheritance.

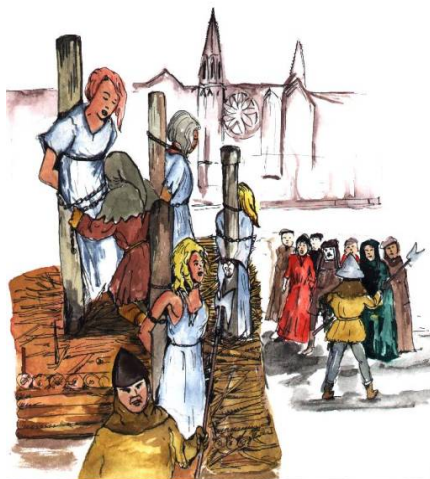
It was fashionable for wealthy women to have a pale skin for if you were sun-burnt, it showed you were poor and had to work in the sun. Women whitened their skin with egg whites or white lead. They reddened their lips and cheeks with cochineal (dye made from a certain type of crushed beetle). A woman's dress was usually made of two parts, a bodice like garment and a skirt made of a quality wool or even cotton or silk. Expensive laces were attached to the

Women and Witches in the Republic

sleeves and worn around the neck. Working women just wore a simple linen apron. On the whole, women did not wear knickers.

As mentioned before, life was not easy in earlier days, even dangerous at times mainly for women who made predictions of things to happen, had a say about the health of others, had an opinion about disasters etc. Often they were accused being in league with the Devil and thought to turn into a vampire and possess the power of flight. In 1252 Pope Innocent IV sanctioned the use of torture in trials: it was Pope Innocent VIII in 1484 who issued the Bull 'Summis desiderantes affectibus', proclaiming witchcraft a heresy, thereby giving the dreaded Inquisition enlarged powers. Even Martin Luther had four witches burnt at Wittenberg in the 1520's.

All over Europe in the Renaissance period as well as in the Republic, we had our witches, mostly elderly women. Around 250 witches were burnt in the Netherlands, of which some 100 in Limburg, mostly around sixty years of age, single and powerless. It was thought that witches and even children had a pact with the devil and might be sexually involved with him. All this was based on Exodus 22:18 reading:- Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live. However after 1660 opinions were changing and the concept of immaterial beings was generally rejected. Laws were adapted so that witches processes were frequently dismissed by the judiciary and torture was abolished. A well-known example was the process against Mechteld ten Ham, living in 'sHeerenberg early 1600, who was known for her predictions about the future and the health



magistrate. To clear her name, the magistrate then ordered that Mechteld had to subject to the 'water-proof'. Mechteld was loaded on a cart and trundled to the village of Azewijn near 's Heerenberg and thrown in a lake called The Laak. Unfortunately for her she floated, probably

because of her voluminous dresses and subsequently declared a witch. Under torture afterwards she acknowledged everything the investigator wanted to hear from her, enabling the magistrate to condemn her to be burnt on the stake. And so on the 25th of July 1605, under the watchful eyes of the local citizens, Mechteld was slowly dying while burning to her death.

Entgen Luyten a widow from Lutterade in Limburg, was not so lucky either and died on the 9th of October 1674. The poor woman was interrogated for the first time on the 21st of July by the prosecutor Herman Tacken of Limbricht. After hearing the evidence of various witnesses, an official 'Klaglibell' was written out on the 4th of August, accusing Entgen of witchcraft. One accusation read that a Gorten van Neusz, 26 years ago, had drunk beer out the same vessel as Entgen and died shortly after. During his illness, van Neusz had sworn that he had been bewitched by Entgen. The same happened with a girl named Aleth, who in 1658 had been seated in the fields next Entgen, had become unwell, had to be carried home 'betoverd, lam en kreupel'. To make things worse, three cows had died because of Entgens' evil eye. Entgen strenuously denied this accusation and counterclaimed the sum of 500 guilders for defamation from the owner. After about a year, Entgen discontinued her claim and what happened of course, nasty tongues were quick to tell whoever wanted to listen, that Entgen sure must be having 'the evil eye'. Again the poor woman was interrogated and no decisions were made. In the meantime Entgen was locked up for months in one of the cold and damp cellars of castle Limbricht, getting ill and mentally unhinged. On the third of October she was again interrogated, this time by an independent layer Nicolaus Helgers. The end had come, six days later she was found dead in her cell. An investigating coroner decided that the woman was 'gestranguleert ofte verworht'. The court reckoned that this was a case of suicide, though the evidence of the coroner could be interpreted in a different way. Helgers then advised that the body should be dragged by horses to the gallows at Einighausen along the present Bergerweg and buried there. Entgen was probably the last unfortunate to have lost her life this way in the Republic of the Seven Provinces. Dear readers, you will now agree with me that the 'the good old days' do not equal the quality of life we now enjoy.



of those around her, she had bewitched people so they got ill and finally died. It was said she had the evil eye. Mechteld was desperate to be cleared of those accusations and asked the local magistrate to give his verdict. Well-meaning locals advised her to go to Oudewater in the province of Utrecht, in order to be weighed on the witches-scales. She refused to take that road. Witches are supposed to be weightless as they usually could fly around on a broomstick and the scale would not move or only very little. When the scale on which the accused person was placed slammed on the ground, that person was declared innocent and a certificate was issued to that effect. Mechteld also refused to leave 's Heerenberg and live elsewhere, and so finally she was brought before a

Gerard Woerlee.

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for only 2 letters are revealed in this puzzle. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

I Found the last Codebreaker difficult, but once I found the words "Pigeon & Vanquish", I was on my way. The March solution was:

A=16; B=15; C=23; D=9; E=21; F=11; G=7; H=26; I=4; J=17; K=14; L=25; M=10; N=22; O=12; P=1; Q=8; R=2; S=24; T=20; U=3; V=6; W=18; X=13; Y=19; Z=5.

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

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Sudoku - Moderate

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